

HOUSE BILL 2635

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 3, Part 8, relative to the duties of the
administrative office of the courts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-803(f), is amended by adding
the following new subdivision (6):

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(A) The administrative director of the courts shall develop and include in
the annual judicial education plan for supreme court approval a program of
training for judges with jurisdiction over domestic violence, orders of protection,
child sexual abuse and other sexual offenses. Such program shall inform judges
with this jurisdiction of the specialized statutes and evidentiary rules that apply to
these types of cases as well as providing an annual update of all recent
enactments of the general assembly in this area. The program shall also provide
training in dealing respectfully and appropriately with the particularly vulnerable
victims, both children and adults, of these types of offenses.

(B) The administrative director of the courts shall recommend to the
supreme court a plan whereby judges of trial and appellate courts with
jurisdiction of the types of cases specified in subdivision (f)(6), attend as soon as
possible the specialized training program developed pursuant to this subdivision
(f)(6). This training program shall become a part of the judicial education plan
and shall be provided to future judges with the same jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.